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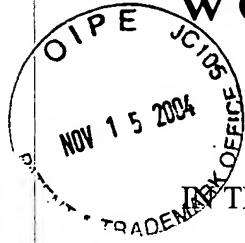
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<u>Examiner Initial*</u>	<u>Patent/Publication Number</u>	<u>Issue/Publication Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
_____ A1.	3,131,074	Apr. 28, 1964	Thompson
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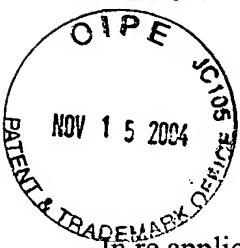
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